

Senate Resolution 1307

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Hamrick of the 30th, Williams of the 19th, Johnson of the 1st, Pearson of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring the life of Mr. John Wesley Rakestraw; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens
3 with the untimely passing of Mr. John Wesley Rakestraw; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rakestraw was born on August 8, 1957, in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, a resident of Paulding County, Mr. Rakestraw was the owner of Raker
6 Construction Company of Dallas, Georgia, a director of the Georgian Bank, and the owner
7 of JWR Land and Cattle Company in Rockmart, Georgia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Bartlett Lodge #139 F & AM; Scottish Rite Valley of
9 Atlanta; Yaarab Shrine Temple of Atlanta; Paulding County Nobility Club; and Polled
10 Hereford Association; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Rakestraw was a devoted husband, father, a friend to his community, and
12 a member of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his unparalleled leadership talents, remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen
14 sense of vision, and acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his community and this
15 state earned him the respect and admiration of his family, friends and colleagues; and
- 16 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; in his death we
17 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 join together in recognizing and honoring the life of this extraordinary individual and send
20 their sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
- 2 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. John Wesley
- 3 Rakestraw.